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mason and carpenter, trades he inherited from his forefathers. He also owned a farm. He built his home on the east side of Midway and lived there until his death. He helped most of his children build their homes, and did much for the building of Midway. He built many homes, helped build the Midway First Ward church house, Second Ward meetinghouse in Heber City, worked on the old bank building, Wasatch High school and North School. He helped build the smoke stack to the furnace in the high school. He helped excavate the mill pond at Midway, built the old creamery by the Johnson's Milling Company, two school houses at Woodland and Francis. He helped survey many irrigation ditches and helped his father John Watkins survey the Midway Water Works. He helped in building two reservoirs up in the White Pines vicinity called the Island and Brimhall Lakes. He helped put in an assay furnace at the Silver King and Glencoe Mines in Park City, helped build the telephone office in Park City. He cut cord wood for the Ontario Mine used in the firing of boilers. He moved a saw mill boiler from Deer Creek to Mill Flat in Snake Creek, and when they were finished there, they moved it to the east side of Heber City to the South fork of the Provo River with ox teams. He ran a saw mill for two summers at the Mountain Lake Mine in Snake Creek Canyon. He took a large boiler from Mill Flat to Salt Lake City, with two yoke of cattle, to have it repaired as that was the only means of transportation.

He was a good neighbor and friend and neighbor to all who knew him and was very honest in all his dealings. He passed away at Midway, and was buried in the family plot.

Children of Henry and Jane Ellis Alder Watkins:

Elijah H.;
Henry Morris, married Persie McKee;
Casy LeRoy, married Cecelia Murdock, later Ida Rasband;
Harriet Myrtle, married Earl M. Hardy, later Dan McMillan;
Alma Lamar, married Lula May Giles, later Mirranda Smith;
Mary Jane, married Carl Bronson;
Orpha Vida, married Reuben Orson Casper;
Lucile, married Earl Daybell.
Jane was born in Farmington and then

later moved with her family to Franklin, Idaho, and then to Kaysville, Davis County. They later moved to Midway.

At the age of 24 she married Henry Watkins, her childhood sweetheart, and during the next 56 years she raised four sons and four daughters to adulthood. She was always very active in public life. As a girl, she sang vocal solos in the old Bowery on the Midway Town Square. She was a Relief Society teacher for most of her married life, and worked in most of the auxiliary organizations of the church. She was a Primary teacher for many years.

She suffered many trials and hardships and worked very hard, for in those days they had none of the conveniences which we enjoy today. She was very kind, and loving, and charitable to everyone whom she knew. She would go to the bedside of neighbors and friends any hour of the day or night and help them in sickness or death. She was a very good nurse, and delivered her own sister, Elizabeth, in childbirth, with no complications.

She was an excellent seamstress and made beautiful clothes for the dead. She washed and laid out many dead persons, because in those days morticians were seldom available. She also sewed for private customers.

She was very good to all her children, and she nursed each of her daughters and daughters-in-law when their babies were born. She had very poor health herself, but that didn't stop her from helping others. Before she died she said, "The road has been long and hard, but I have enjoyed every step of it."

JOHN THOMAS AND MARY MARIA CLIFT WATKINS



John Thomas Watkins, eldest son of John and Margaret Watkins, was born in Rain-

ham, Kent, England, October 29, 1854. He married Mary Maria Clift, May 3, 1879. He died October 2, 1922.

Mary Maria Clift, daughter of George Washington Clift and Amanda Caroline Fausett Clift, was born May 7, 1861, in Alpine. She died June 15, 1912, in Midway.

With his family, John emigrated to America and crossed the plains in 1856 with the Martin Handcart Company, arriving in Salt Lake City November 30, 1856. They settled first in Provo and then in 1864 settled in Midway. John was 10 years old at the time.

He and Mary Clift were married in the Salt Lake Endowment House, and set up their housekeeping after marriage in a covered wagon. John went to work for his father at a saw mill, and his young bride did the cooking for the saw mill crew. They worked all summer long for enough lumber to build their first home, a little two-room house.

John and Mary lived in Midway all their lives. He was a successful farmer, and also owned and operated a sawmill. He fished or hunted wild game every day, winter and summer, until his death. He was killed in a truck accident in Daniels Canyon, October 2, 1922. He is buried in the Midway Cemetery.

He and his wife were parents of nine children:

John Edward, married Amy Fettes;
Mrs. George W. (Mary Ellen) Frisby;
George Washington, married (1) Oasia Kerby (2) Ella Christensen (3) Hazel Clyde.
Mrs. William (Doratheia Jane) Murray;
Francis David, married (1) Annie Firth (2) Eva Carter;
Ira Oray, married (1) Hazel Jones (2) Ida Jane Snyder;
Joseph Earl, married (1) Verna Taylor (2) Bertha —;
Mrs. Alden (Amanda Claretta) Everett;
Vera Algina, died in childhood.

JOSEPH AND ELINOR BLOOD WATKINS

Joseph Watkins was born July 12, 1864 at Provo, a son of John and Mary Ann Sawyer Watkins. He married Elinor Blood July 12, 1883 in the Endowment House at Salt Lake City. Died June 6, 1936, at Midway.



Elinor Blood Watkins was born December 8, 1865 at Midway, a daughter of Moroni and Hannah Melissa Lance Blood. She died in Midway November 7, 1935.

Joseph was born during the early pioneer times of Provo when plural marriage was advocated. His father had three wives. He was the first child of the third wife. The first home was built of logs with a dirt roof. The night he came into the world was stormy, and pans were placed around the room and on the bed to keep the mother and baby dry. His father was an industrious man and plied his trade well, but he couldn't always collect his pay; for that reason the children sometimes went hungry and barefoot.

In 1865 the Watkins family moved to Midway. There were then eight children, three wives and the father. They lived first in the lower settlement at Smith's Grove. Later when Indian troubles arose they moved to Fort Midway. Later John Watkins built two homes, one of rock and one brick. Two families lived in the brick house and the first family in the other one.

Joseph followed his father's trade, bricklayer and plasterer. He helped build many homes and commercial buildings in Wasatch County.

He was a faithful Latter-day Saint. For many years he was a ward teacher, doing 100 percent visiting. He was always ready and willing to perform any duty asked of him. He helped to dig many graves before Midway had a sexton. In epidemics of contagious diseases he helped bury the dead.

During the last fifteen years of his life he was almost totally blind, but he never complained. He was always cheerful. Six months after the death of his beloved wife he passed away, June 6, 1936, at Midway.

Elinor Watkins was married to Joseph eleven years before any children were born to them. She had a dream that if she and

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